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INTERIOR'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS APPOINTED TO GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION

Secretary of the Interior, Manuel Lujan, today announced that President Bush has appointed Constance B. Harriman, Interior Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, as a commissioner on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Harriman will become one of eight full members, four appointed by the President of the United States and four by the Governor General in Council of Canada.

"The importance of the Commission's work is underscored by the soaring popularity of Great Lakes fishing," said Lujan, who noted that from 1980 to 1985, the number of Great Lakes anglers increased nearly 18 percent, fishing days over 11 percent, and related expenditures over 32 percent. In 1985 alone, there were more than 4.8 million recreational anglers spending \$2 billion annually. In addition, the Great Lakes currently support a commercial fishery with a combined value estimated at \$4 billion annually.

"I am proud to serve on this Commission. For thirty years it has been an outstanding example of how international and intergovernmental partnerships can be forged to restore and protect significant fisheries resources," stated Harriman, who prior to joining the Department of the Interior, served as an Associate for Litigation with the law firm of Steptoe and Johnson in Washington, D.C.

The Commission was established in 1955, by the United States and Canada, to serve as an advisory body for fishery resources in the Great Lakes.

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